

London Members' Centre

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Chairman's Newsletter

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Dear Members

As some of you will already know, the Extraordinary General Meeting in November voted to keep the LMC. The big question is "Who is going to run it?" The LMC is a charity and needs Trustees to keep it operating - despite regular appeals in the Newsletter, nobody has come forward. None of the present committee, whose term of office ends at the Annual General Meeting in May, plan to stand for re-election. Some of us have health problems, others have have Carer responsibilities and some others have simply had enough. At an absolute minimum. there needs to be a Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary. It would be sensible to have a Visits' co-ordinator and somebody to manage the IT side (that last rôle I've been undertaking since Bill Macalpine became unwell in 2016. I had to rescue the membership files from an historic database). Since Covid, I also have a website to look after. One of the enclosures with this newsletter is a nomination form for committee members (trustees). These need to be returned to the Hon Secretary by 23 April; our Constitution does not allow for nominations from the floor of the meeting.

The November meeting was given an excellent talk on the proposed Centenary Garden at Newhailes. The Trustees have decided to pass surplus funds to that project - hoping that there will be a part of the project named for the LMC. Those members who will be going on the Borders tour in May, will be visiting Newhailes. So far there are 15 signed up for the trip, but more are very welcome, but do book soon to ensure everybody gets a room at the same place,

Meanwhile. we've a couple of visits coming up: (leaflets attached)

27 February: **London Scottish House** - arranged by Connie Sangster

8 April: **Chelsea Physic Garden** - arranged by Geoff Schoon.

Then there's the talk accompanying the Annual General Meeting:

21 May: "**The Gretna Girls**" by Janet Wallace. Not only will this be the last talk that Janet will arrange, Mar has told us that after this event. she will no longer be dealing with the catering.

This might be LMC's last visit to what has become our regular meeting place for some time. Crown Court Church is intending to install a new Disabled lift which will involve closing the hall to allow the work to take place.

All the best,



Charles Hope